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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

REVIEW OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION
WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman on the
basis of informal consultations

Review of the arrangements for consultation with
non-governmental organizations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, having reviewed the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations on its first session, recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Review of the arrangements for consultation with
non-governmental organizations

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Recalling its decision 1993/214 of 12 February 1993 and its resolution 1993/80 of 30 July 1993,

"1. Welcomes the progress made in the consideration of this issue;

"2. Welcomes and encourages further active participation of non-governmental organizations, including those from developing countries, in the work of the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations;

"3. Commends the Secretary-General for the report on the general review of arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations 1/ and requests the Working Group to continue to take into account the questions and issues raised by it;

"4. Takes note with satisfaction of the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations on its first session; 2/

"5. Encourages the Open-ended Working Group to build upon the work of its first session, as set out in its report;

"6. Considers that the summary by the Chairman of the Open-ended Working Group will greatly facilitate further consideration of this question by the Working Group;

"7. Decides that the Open-ended Working Group will hold an informal inter-sessional meeting during 1994 and will hold its second session early in 1995;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to give the broadest dissemination to the report of the Open-ended Working Group and to the documentation for the Working Group, in all the official languages, among the non-governmental organization community, and to ensure that non-governmental organizations, including those from developing countries, are made fully aware in good time of the dates of the sessions of the Open-ended Working Group so as to permit the fullest possible participation by non-governmental organizations in its work;

"9. Requests the Open-ended Working Group to submit the report on its next session to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995, and invites the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, at its regular session in 1995, to transmit its comments on that report to the Council at that session".

1/ E/AC.70/1994/5 and Add.1.

2/ A/49/215-E/1994/99.



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Item 3 of the agenda

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Draft report

Rapporteur: Mr. John D. BIGGAR (Ireland)

I. ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held an inter-sessional meeting at United Nations Headquarters on 13 and 14 July 1994, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/80 of 30 July 1993. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Ruth Limjuco (Philippines), Chairman of the Committee.

B. Attendance

The representatives of the following States members of the Committee attended: Burundi, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Ethiopia, France, Iraq, Ireland, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Philippines, the Russian Federation and Sweden.

The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Australia, Canada, Germany, India, Pakistan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The following non-governmental organizations were represented: (to be completed)

C. Agenda

At the 1st meeting, on 13 July, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda for the session as contained in document E/C.2/1994/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Review of the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations.
3. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

D. Documentation

The Committee had before it the following documents:

- (a) Provisional annotated agenda (E/C.2/1994/1);
- (b) Report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations on its first session (A/49/215-E/1994/99).

II. REVIEW OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Committee considered agenda item 2 at its 1st and ___ meetings, on 13 and 14 July 1994. It had before it the report of the Open-ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations on its first session (A/49/215-E/1994/99).

At its 1st meeting, on 13 July, statements were made by the representatives of Ireland, Cuba, Sweden, Costa Rica, France, Iraq and the Russian Federation.

At the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for India, Canada, Pakistan and the United States of America.

The observer for the Conference on Non-Governmental Organizations made a statement.
